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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

RE: UNITED STATES v. MICHAEL J. GRIFFIN

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Michael J. Griffin, age 34, of 1175 Appian Drive, Webster, New York, was sentenced by the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to the maximum 120 months in prison, fined \$1,000 and placed on supervised release for life in connection with his guilty plea on November 23, 2004 to possession of child pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that on November 23, 2004, Griffin pled guilty to possessing child pornography images on his home computer. Griffin was using KaZaa, a peer-to-peer file sharing software, had allowed to be shared child pornography images which were obtained by an undercover law enforcement officer.

Griffin's sentence of 120 months was based on the fact that he was trafficking child pornography by using KaZaa; some of the material involved a minor under the age of 12; some of the material contained sadistic conduct; and he used a computer to commit the crimes.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

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